Granite State Clean Cities Coalition Stakeholder Meeting Highlights March 19, 2010

Time: 9:00-11:30

Location: New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association, 507 South Street

Bow, NH

Dolores Rebolledo, Coalition Coordinator, briefed the group on her participation in the US DOE's Clean Cities Energy Independence Days, an event held in Washington, DC. Dolores was able to meet with staff members from the offices of Senator's Sheehan and Gregg, and Representatives Hodes and Shea-Porter. During those meetings, she provided them with an overview of the progress GSCCC stakeholders have made with regards to alternative fuels and technology and the barriers faced by New Hampshire businesses and residents.

Dolores Rebolledo thanked stakeholders for their participation in the US DOE's Clean Cities Survey. The survey asks many questions about alternative vehicles, fuels and fuel reduction practices in their homes and businesses. The survey indicated almost 1 million gallons displaced in New Hampshire for 2009.

Luke May and Chris Colquitt of General Motors Corporation provided the group with a presentation on GM's efforts in the areas of hybrid electric, E85, biodiesel, and electric vehicles, and also touched on their line of more efficient gasoline vehicles. GM is also invested in the efforts of Mascoma Corporation and Coskata, Inc. By 2012 half of GMs vehicles will be flex fuel vehicles, according to May.

The Chevy Volt's engine runs on electricity. The battery has a 40 mile range and the vehicle has regenerative breaking to recharge the battery. The gasoline component is there to charge the battery. The Volt is not a hybrid gasoline electric vehicle.

The hydrogen Chevy Equinox has a range of 160-200 miles. In 2015 GM plans to introduce a B20 capable Duramax.

Matt Solomon of NESCAUM provided the group with a presentation on the electric infrastructure as it pertains to plug in vehicles. He referenced electric vehicles in the past and that the new plug in vehicles coming soon are more sophisticated as are their charging stations. The plug in vehicles will come before the infrastructure.

Under "New Business" Steve Russell mentioned that this year's AltWheels event in Massachusetts is scheduled for Monday, September 27. Dolores Rebolledo gave the group the date of Green Your Fleet/Green Rides Expo as June 4 and 5. This event is a partnership between Granite State Clean Cities Coalition and Manchester Community College Automotive Department.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30. The group went to the parking lot to view, ride and drive the hydrogen powered Chevy Equinox Luke May brought.